

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Mary Jane Grubb, Municipal Court Clerk

DATE: November 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Information about Municipal Court Week

The purpose of this memo is to provide information about the events occurring at Austin Municipal Court to celebrate Municipal Court week, November 4-8, 2019. Each year, our department focuses on traffic safety initiatives during this week, with several interactive activities for all ages. This year, we are attempting to provide more information by involving more community partners, including the Austin Police Department, Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services, and Austin Public Health to make the week engaging and appealing to our citizens.

We are promoting these weeklong events to as much as the community as possible so they can see that the Austin Municipal Court is focused on their safety and well-being. We hope these activities offer a fun way for the public to become knowledgeable in several aspects of safety. With activities like tours of the court, a driving simulator, a child safety fair, and a mock trial featuring Captain America, there is something for all ages.

With these events, our desire is to increase general awareness about what the municipal court contributes to the community. We want to change the mindset of the court system being seen as solely punitive; that we are focused on community relations and improving public safety.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Grubb, Municipal Court Clerk, at 512-974-4800 or maryjane.grubb@austintexas.gov. For more information, visit austintexas.gov/department/municipal-court.